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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PINS, RP

SUBJECT:POSSIBLE ASYLUM REQUEST  
REF: MANILA 5958

1. STEVE PSINAKIS TELEPHONED FLECK EVENING OF APRIL 27  
TO DISCUSS CASE OF OPPOSITION CANDIDATE WHO IS IN  
HIDING AND WHOSE LIFE IS IN DANGER, ACCORDING TO PSINAKIS,  
AS RESULT OF THERE BEING A WARRANT OUT FOR HER ARREST.  
WHEN FLECK ASKED IF PSINAKIS WAS REFERRING TO CHARITO  
PLANAS, PSINAKIS REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY.

2. PSINAKIS SAID PLANAS HAD THREE ALTERNATIVE COURSES  
OPEN TO HER: (1) TO ACCEPT NPA ASSISTANCE IN FLEEING  
PHILIPPINES AND SEEKING REFUGE IN MAINLAND CHINA;  
(2) FLEEING PHILIPPINES AND SEEKING ASYLUM ELSEWHERE  
(I.E. UNITED STATES); (3) GOING TO EMBASSY MANILA AND  
ASKING FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM. PSINAKIS DID NOT MENTION  
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FOURTH ALTERNATIVE OF SURRENDERING TO GOP AUTHORITIES.

3. PSINAKIS SAID EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN RAID ON PLANAS'  
HOUSE APRIL 7 WAS PLANTED IN ORDER TO FRAME HER. HE SAID  
SHE HAS REJECTED ALTERNATIVE (1) ABOVE AND SHE AND HER  
FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH OF THE OTHER TWO  
COURSES TO FOLLOW.

4. FLECK REITERATED ADVICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN BY EMBASSY (REFTEL) TO OTHER INQUIRERS ON BEHALF OF PLANAS AND EMPHASIZED THAT EMBASSY WAS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE HER TEMPORARY SANCTUARY ONLY IF EMBASSY OFFICERS CONCLUDED THAT HER LIFE WAS TRULY IN DANGER AS RESULT OF SITUATION EXISTING AT THAT MOMENT. PSINAKIS MUSED THAT EVEN IF EMBASSY SHOULD GRANT HER TEMPORARY REFUGE, AT BEST THIS WOULD BE ONLY TEMPORARY SOLUTION. HE CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT PLANAS AND FRIENDS WOULD PROBABLY ULTIMATELY OPT FOR TRYING TO GET HER OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

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